

10 Common Food Stamp Myths Concerning Elderly Households

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Elderly people do not receive credit for medical and prescription drug bills.

Medical expenses that exceed \$35 a month may be deducted unless an insurance company or someone who is not a household member pays for them. Only the amount over \$35 can be deducted.

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Elderly people are only allowed \$2,000 in resources.

The resources limit for elderly households or households containing one elderly person is up to \$3,000.

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Food stamps are only for families with children.

Food stamps are for eligible individuals and families, including the elderly.

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Other people need food stamps more than the elderly individuals. If an elderly person is certified for food stamps, he or she will be taking them away from others who have more of a need.

The Food Stamp Program is an entitlement program. In other words, everyone who applies and who is determined to be eligible will get food stamp benefits.

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Elderly households who receive food stamps will not be able to receive meals-on-wheels.

Households can receive food stamps and still get meals-on-wheels. In fact, households who are currently paying cash for their meals can save money because food stamps can be used to purchase the meals.